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99-00613

**RE: Petition of The Tennessee Small Local Exchange Company
Coalition for Temporary Suspension of 47 U.S.C. § 251(b) and
251(c) Pursuant To 47 U.S.C. § 251(f) and 47 U.S.C. § 253(b).**

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Pursuant to your notice of December 6, 1999, enclosed please find the original and thirteen copies of Petitioner's List of Proposed Issues for consideration in this matter.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call me.

Very truly yours,



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**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

IN RE:

**PETITION OF THE TENNESSEE SMALL LOCAL)
EXCHANGE COMPANY COALITION FOR)
TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF 47 U.S.C. §)
251(b) AND 251(c) PURSUANT TO 47 U.S.C. §)
251(f) AND 47 U.S.C. § 253(b).)**

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PETITIONER'S LIST OF PROPOSED ISSUES

The Tennessee Small Local Exchange Company Coalition, pursuant to the Notice of Pre-Hearing Conference and of Filing Issues List, dated December 6, 1999, respectfully submits its list of proposed issues for consideration in this matter, as follows:

1. Are the Coalition members rural telephone companies under 47 U.S.C. § 153(37)?
2. Are the Coalition members qualified to request suspension or modification of requirements of 47 U.S.C. § 251(b) or (c)?
3. What is the status of the TRA's consideration of universal service issues in Docket No. 97-00888 and Docket No. 97-00889?
4. What is the status of the FCC's consideration of modification of the federal universal service mechanisms in FCC Docket No. 96-45?
5. What is the status of FCC Docket No. 98-92, dealing with Hyperion of Tennessee, L.P.'s Petition for Preemption of T.C.A. § 65-4-201(d)?
6. Is suspension or modification of the requirements of 47 U.S.C. § 251(b)(1)-(2), (4)-(5) and § 251(c), until regulatory policies tailored to preserving universal service and maintaining affordable rates in rural service areas are developed and implemented at the state and federal levels, necessary to avoid a significant adverse economic impact

on users of telecommunications services generally or to avoid imposing a requirement that is unduly economically burdensome?

7. Is suspension or modification of the requirements of 47 U.S.C. § 251(b)(1)-(2), (4)(5) and § 251(c), until regulatory policies tailored to preserving universal service and maintaining affordable rates in rural service areas are developed and implemented at the state and federal levels, consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity?
8. Should the TRA, pursuant to § 251(f)(2), suspend enforcement of the requirements of § 251(b)(1)-(2), (4)-(5) and § 251(c) pending its action on this petition?
9. Is suspension or modification necessary to preserve and advance universal service, protect the public safety and welfare, ensure the continued quality of telecommunications services, and safeguard the rights of consumers pursuant to § 253(b)?
10. Whether the exemption established by § 251(f)(1) should remain in force, and the effective date of any bona fide request for interconnection, services, or network elements be suspended, until the TRA acts on this petition?

Respectfully submitted,



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